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1. Dipti Gaur Mukherjee takes over as MCA secretary.

Dipti Gaur Mukherjee, a 1993 batch IAS officer of Madhya Pradesh cadre, has taken over as Secretary, Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA). She replaced Manoj Goel, who recently became the Expenditure Secretary. Prior to this, Mukherjee was serving as the CEO of the National Health Authority. Mukherjee's tenure as the new MCA secretary comes at a time when the ministry is focusing on several key reforms.



2. Pune's Diana Pundole becomes first Indian woman to win National Racing Championship title.

Diana Pundole, a 28-year-old mother of two from Pune, has created history by winning the 2024 Indian National Car Racing Championship title in the MRF Saloons category. She has become the first Indian woman to win this prestigious title. Diana's win has set a new milestone in Indian motorsports and she has become an inspiration for women. On August 18, 2024, Diana won the championship on the weekend of her birthday.



3. Neeraj Chopra makes season's best throw, breaks own record at Lausanne Diamond League.

India's star javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra finished second at the Lausanne Diamond League 2024 with a season's best throw. He performed his best this season by throwing 89.49 meters in his sixth attempt, but could not cross the 90-meter barrier. However, he surpassed his 89.45m throw at Paris Olympics 2024, in which he won the silver medal.



4. Department of Posts launches Deen Dayal Sparsh Yojana to promote philately

The Department of Posts under the Union Ministry of Communications has launched Deen Dayal Sparsh Yojana to promote the hobby and research of philately among students. The scheme was announced by Krishna Kumar Yadav, Postmaster General, North Gujarat Region, Ahmedabad. The scheme aims to inculcate interest in philately among children and mainstream this hobby in the education system.



5. National Space Day 2024.

23 August 2023 became an important milestone in space history for India, when the Chandrayaan-3 mission successfully landed on the south pole of the Moon. This achievement made India the fourth country to land on the Moon and the first to land in the south polar region. To commemorate this historic success, 23 August has been officially declared as National Space Day.



6. 25 Challenges launched for Waves under "Create in India Challenge - Season 1" by Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw.

Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw launched 25 challenges as part of the 'Create in India Challenge - Season 1', organised for the World Audio Visual and Entertainment Summit (WAVES). The launch is said to be a symbol of India's growing and evolving economy. The initiative aims to develop the creators economy in India, which was recognised in the first National Creators Awards presented by the Prime Minister in March 2024.



7. Ministry of Education launches 2nd Cycle of Capacity Building Programme on Specific Learning Disabilities.

The Ministry of Education has launched the 2nd Cycle of Capacity Building Programme on Specific Learning Disabilities (SLD) under the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (MMTTP). The programme aims to empower Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) with the necessary skills and knowledge to effectively support students with specific learning disabilities.



8. Women's Equality Day 2024.

Women's Equality Day is celebrated annually on 26 August, symbolising the ongoing struggle for women's rights and equal opportunities. The day pays tribute to the universal suffrage movement, celebrating women's progress and reinforcing commitment to gender equality. The theme for 2024 is "Embrace Equity", which underlines the importance of achieving gender equality. It is not only crucial for economic development, but is also seen as a fundamental human right.



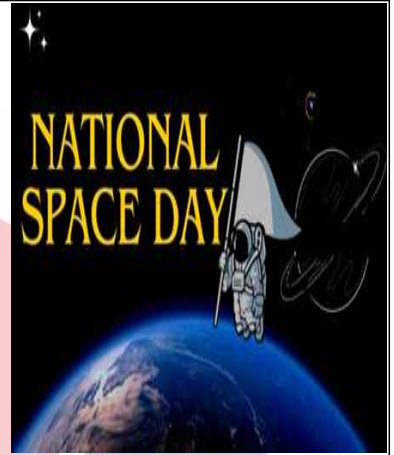


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1. When will National Space Day 2024 be celebrated?

- A - 23 January
B - 15 August
C - 23 August
D - 10 October

The success of Chandrayaan-3 mission on 23 August 2023 made India the first country to land on the south pole of the Moon and the fourth country to land on the Moon. 23 August was declared as National Space Day to commemorate this historic achievement. The theme for 2024 is "Touching lives while touching the Moon: India's space saga", which reflects the deep impact of space exploration on society and technology.



2. Aditya Birla Finance has partnered with which bank to launch co-branded credit card?

- A - Airtel Payments Bank
B - HDFC Bank
C - AU Small Finance Bank
D - ICICI Bank

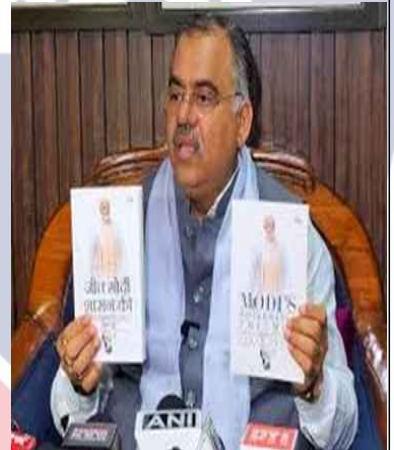
Aditya Birla Finance Limited (ABFL) and AU Small Finance Bank Limited have jointly launched Aditya Birla Finance AU Credit Cards, available on Visa and RuPay payment networks. These co-branded credit cards come in four different variants, each with a comprehensive rewards program. ABC AU Flex is an affordable option for India, while ABC AU Next is designed keeping millennials in mind with exclusive features.



3. Who is the author of the book "Modi's Governance Triumph: Reshaping India's Path to Prosperity"?

- A - Bina Agarwal
B - Syed Ahmad
C - Tarun Chugh
D - Arjun Appadurai

BJP General Secretary Tarun Chugh's book "Modi's Governance Triumph: Reshaping India's Path to Prosperity" was released in New Delhi in presence of prominent political figures like Home Minister Amit Shah and Coal and Mines Minister G. Kishan Reddy. The book presents an in-depth analysis of the visionary initiatives and reforms of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's administration, highlighting the government's commitment to the Antyodaya mission.



4. Who has recently taken over as the Secretary of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA)?

- A - Manoj Goel
B - Rajesh Kumar
C - Anita Sharma
D - Deepti Gaur Mukherjee

Deepti Gaur Mukherjee, a 1993 batch IAS officer of Madhya Pradesh cadre, has taken over as the Secretary of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA), replacing Manoj Goel. Mukherjee, who was previously the CEO of the National Health Authority, has the responsibility to focus on several important reforms in the MCA. These include drafting the Digital Competition Bill, the introduction of IBC 2.0 and increasing the capacity of NCLT.



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5. Who has become the first woman to win the National Car Racing Championship in India?

A - Diana Pundole

B - Shubhangini Swaroop

C - Suman Sinha

D - Anita Ahuja

28-year-old Diana Pundole from Pune created history by winning the 2024 Indian National Car Racing Championship in the MRF Saloons category. She has become the first Indian woman to win this title. Diana, who won the championship on her birthday weekend, 18 August 2024, has faced many challenges, including balancing between doubts towards women and family responsibilities.



6. Who has been appointed as the assistant coach of the Afghanistan cricket team?

A - R. Sridhar

B - Jonathan Trott

C - Gary Kirsten

D - Rahul Dravid

The Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB) has appointed former India fielding coach R. Sridhar as the assistant coach of the senior men's cricket team. The 54-year-old Sridhar will join the team for the one-off Test against New Zealand and three ODIs against South Africa in 2023. A long-term contract may be considered later. Sridhar has significant coaching experience and has served as India's fielding coach until the 2021 T20 World Cup.



7. In which tournament, Neeraj Chopra finished second with a season's best throw of 89.49 meters?

A - Paris Olympics

B - Madrid World Championship

C - Budapest World Championship

D - Lausanne Diamond League

India's star javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra finished second in the Lausanne Diamond League 2024 with a throw of 89.49 meters. He performed his best this season, although he could not cross the 90 meter barrier. His throw was better than the 89.45 meter throw done in Paris Olympics 2024. In first place was Peter Anderson of Grenada, who threw 90.61 meters, while Julian Weber of Germany finished third with a throw of 87.08 meters.



8. Name the National Award-winning Bengali filmmaker whose demise was widely condoled.

A - Ritwik Ghatak

B - Mrinal Sen

C - Utpalendu Chakraborty

D - Jeet Ganguly

National Award-winning Bengali director Utpalendu Chakraborty died at the age of 76. He breathed his last on 20 August 2024 after suffering a heart attack at his Regent Park residence. Chakraborty is known for his artistic films, especially 'Chok', which won the National Awards for Best Feature Film and Best Direction in 1983. He also received the Indira Gandhi Award for Best Debut Film of a Director in 1981.





One Liner

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9. What is the name of the home loan scheme launched by LIC Housing Finance for the armed forces - **Home Guard**
10. In the U17 World Wrestling Championship held in Jordan, the Indian team achieved which milestone for the first time - **First team title in women's wrestling**

